

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the very thorough consideration given the present application.

By this replay, claims 1, 24 and 26 are hereby amended, and claim 4 is canceled. No new matter is hereby added. Accordingly, claims 1, 3, 5-7, 10, 12, 13, 24 and 26-29 are currently pending for examination. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 5, 10, 24 and 26-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fleming et al (U.S. 6,111,357, hereinafter Fleming). A complete discussion of the Examiner's rejection is set forth in the Office Action, and is not being repeated here.

Claims 1, 3-7, 12-13, 24 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicants' admitted prior art (AAPA), further in view of Fleming et al. A complete discussion of the Examiner's rejection is set forth in the Office Action, and is not being repeated here.

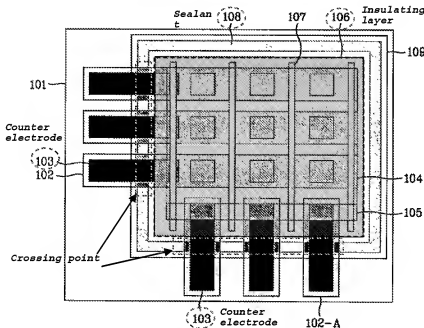
These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that Fleming does not anticipate claim 1 as amended.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to positively recite a combination of features including, *inter alia*, "an insulating layer between the indium-tin-oxide strip and the cathode strip; and a sealant to adhere the seal-cover over the glass substrate, wherein the insulating layer extends to a predetermined area, including **a crossing point between the counter electrode and**

the sealant, and to an area of the glass substrate, so as to be formed on a periphery of the organic electroluminescent layer”(emphasis added).

AAPA does not teach or suggest at least the above-noted claimed feature. In AAPA as shown in Fig 1, an insulating layer 106 does not extend to a crossing point between a counter electrode 103 and sealant 108. Moreover, the insulating layer does not extend to the sealant 108.



[Fig. 1 of AAPA]

Accordingly, both Fleming and AAPA fail to teach or suggest the feature of “the holes in the counter electrode have a shape of a cross” recited in the claim 1.

Ultra violet rays reach the sealant through a grid of the counter electrode. Next, the ultra violet rays are reflected by the insulating layer formed between the crossing point to return to the sealant. Therefore, the amount of the ultra violet rays supplied to the sealant is increased compared

to the prior art. Accordingly, the tact time for hardening the sealant is reduced.

Similarly, Independent claim 6 has been amended to positively recite a combination of features including, *inter alia*, “wherein the insulating layer is formed between the indium-tin-oxide strip and the cathode strip; wherein the insulating layer extends to a predetermined area, including a crossing point between the counter strip and the sealant, and to an area of the glass substrate, so as to be formed on a periphery of the electroluminous layer” (*emphasis added*).

Similarly, Independent claim 24 has been amended to positively recite a combination of features including, *inter alia*, “wherein the insulating layer is formed between the first electrode layer and the second electrode layer; wherein the insulating layer extends to a predetermined area, including a crossing point between the counter electrode and the sealant, and to an area of the substrate, so as to be formed on a periphery of the electroluminous layer” (*emphasis added*).

Accordingly, independent claims 1, 6 and 24, and their dependent claims 3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 13 and 26-29 (due to the dependency) are patentable over the references, and reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for allowance and therefore requests favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 739-3000 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should

continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,

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